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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been a user of many types connectivity through the years. Modem of several types gave me connectivity and time went I progressed to higher speed modes. For years having a competitive supplier has meant increased speed and connection to my electronics oriented employer. Having more competition means a choice of provider and generally lower costs. At this time I currently enjoy fiber connectivity but I started with competitive DSL. I am retired but my wife still works and her high speed connection allows her to work from home at the same speed as her in work place connection. In addition to broadband services my provider also includes competitive telephone service. As a retiree I live on a fixed income and i do NOT want increases to the cost of what I see as a service as basic as electronic connectivity. While I live in a small town close to larger one I feel we have same needs as rural area. Connectivity from local provider for such is greatly needed. The service responses are quicker and to my mind more complete than my experiences with larger businesses. Given that there are competitive companies in every area I would hate see the connectivity reduced to a big business that could raise prices thereby causing users to choose between one thing or nothing.

Thank you for you time.

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